

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 27-44 are pending in the application, with claims 27, 33, and 39 being the independent claims. Claims 1-26 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 27-44 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. (See Office Action, page 2). Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 1-26 are sought to be cancelled. Therefore, Applicants believe that the rejection of claim 1-26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been rendered moot.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6, 9-16, and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,275,575 B1 to Wu (herein referred to as "Wu"). (See Office Action, page 3). Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 1-6, 9-16, and 19-26 are sought to be cancelled; therefore, Applicants believe that

Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6, 9-16, and 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been rendered moot.

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-8 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wu in view of U.S. Patent 6,606,660 B1 to Bowman-Amuah (herein referred to as "Bowman-Amuah"). (See Office Action, page 8). Without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection, claims 7-8 and 17-18 are sought to be cancelled; therefore, Applicants believe that the rejection of claims 7-8 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) has been rendered moot.

New claims 27-44

New claims 27-44 are sought to be added. Support for the new claims is provided throughout the specification including, but not limited to, pages 2-16 and FIG. 3.

a. New independent claims 27, 33, and 39

While the Examiner has not applied Wu and Bowman-Amuah to the new pending claims, Applicants provide the following remarks for the convenience of the Examiner and to expedite prosecution.

Even assuming *arguendo* that the combination is proper, Wu and Bowman-Amuah do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, each and every element, limitation, and/or feature of Applicants' invention as recited in new independent claim 27. For example, Wu and Bowman-Amuah, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest "(a) receiving a first notification from a first computer upon the installation of a first program on the first computer; (b) receiving a second notification from a second

computer upon the installation of a second program on the second computer, wherein the operating system of the second computer is different from the operating system of the first computer" as recited in new independent claim 27. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of claim 27, and allowance thereof.

New independent claims 33 and 39 are patentable for similar reasons. For at least the reasons stated above, Wu and Bowman-Amuah, do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, each and every element, limitation, and/or feature of Applicants' invention as recited in new independent claims 33 and 39. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request consideration of claims 33 and 39, and allowance thereof.

b. New claims 28-32, 34-38, and 40-44

New dependent claims 28-32, 34-38, and 40-44 are patentable for at the same reasons as the independent claims from which they respectively depend, and further in view of their own respective features.

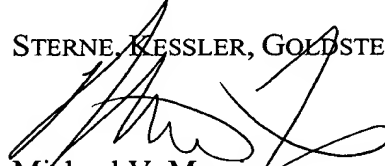
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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